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Friday, 5 December 2008

Security Council

10 a.m. — 6032nd meeting (closed) — Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, Sections A and B

United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

Morning[1] — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

UNFICYP (S/2008/744)

Other matters

3 p.m. — 6033rd meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Letter dated 13 November 2008 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2008/705)

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 6032nd meeting.

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1521 (2003) concerning Liberia

3 p.m. — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 6

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m. — 64th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

1. Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/63/398) [27]
2. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/63/399) [28]
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4. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/63/401) [30]
5. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/63/402) [31]
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8. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/63/405) . . . . . [34]

9. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/63/406) . . . . . [35]

10. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/43/407) . . . . . [36]

11. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/63/408) . . . . . [37]

12. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/63/409) . . . . . [110]

13. Programme planning: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/63/449) . . . . . [119]

14. Oceans and the law of the sea . . . . . [70]

    (a) Oceans and the law of the sea

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        (ii) Report of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction (A/63/79 and A/63/79/Corr.1)

        (iii) Report on the work of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its ninth meeting (A/63/174 and A/63/174/Corr.1)

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        (v) Draft resolution (A/63/L.42)

    (b) Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments

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15. Culture of peace: draft resolution (A/63/L.23) . . . . . [45]

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(r) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference: draft resolution (A/63/L.44)

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Open ended informal consultations on the commemorative plenary meeting devoted to the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (agenda item 64) will be held *today*, 5 December 2008, at *4.30 p.m.* in Conference Room 8.

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Tuesday, 9 December 2008, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; fax 1 (212) 963-7878; tel. 1 (212) 963-5258), from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. *Delegations are also kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than five minutes.*

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–12 noon	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 126 (United Nations Pension system (A/63/9, A/63/363, A/C.5/63/2 and A/63/556))	
12 noon–1 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: Construction: Nairobi, Vienna, Addis Ababa (A/62/794, A/63/303 and A/63/465))	
3–6 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2008: Information technology (A/62/793, A/62/793/Add.1, A/62/510/Rev.1, A/62/477, A/62/502, A/62/7/Add.31, A/61/290, A/61/478, A/61/765, A/61/804, A/60/582, A/60/582/Add.1, A/60/665, A/60/665/Add.1, A/63/140, A/63/140/Add.1, A/61/826, A/62/537, A/63/487, A/63/487/Corr.1, A/63/487/Corr.2, A/62/806 and A/63/496))	

General Assembly

Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council

11 a.m.–1 p.m.	3rd meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3–6 p.m.	4th meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
	Executive session	

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Friday, 5 December 2008

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Agriculture development and food security" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegations of Chile, Egypt and Indonesia)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of India)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict: breaking the link between the illicit transaction of rough diamonds and armed conflict as a contribution to prevention and settlement of conflicts" (under agenda item 11) (convened by the delegation of India)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/63/L.8, entitled "Security and climate change" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegation of Tonga and the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.57, entitled "Implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010" (under agenda item 52 (a)) (convened by the Rapporteur of the Second Committee (Yemen))

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence (under agenda item 51 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Netherlands)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Other meetings

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Friday, 5 December 2008

UNITAR Seminar on International Trade and Policy

9.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

African Group (experts on causes of conflicts and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa)

11.15 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Friends of the International Criminal Court (meeting with the Prosecutor of the Court)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on Second Committee matters) (on the draft resolution on promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Friday, 5 December 2008

Room S-226

11 a.m. . . . . Mr. Manuel Escudero, Special Adviser to the United Nations Global Compact; Mr. John Fernandes, President, Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International); Ms. Judith Samuelson, Director, Aspen Institute's Business and Society Program; and Ms. Liz Maw, Executive Director, Net Impact (on the first Global Forum for Responsible Management Education)

Guest at 12 noon . . . . Mr. John Holmes, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator (to provide an update on the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF))

Press stakeout (outside Conference Room 7)

5.30 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations (to brief the press following the meeting of the Group of Friends on Myanmar)

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Second Committee

The Second Committee will hold its final meeting on Thursday, 11 December 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2, to take action on all outstanding draft proposals before it for the sixty-third session of the General Assembly.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities
Briefing

The Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities, H.E. Mr. Jan Grauls (Belgium), will hold an open briefing for interested Member States on Thursday, 11 December 2008, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

The briefing will provide an update on the work of the Committee and the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team, in particular on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1822 (2008).

The Chairman and the Coordinator of the Monitoring Team look forward to this mutually beneficial dialogue with Member States and will be pleased to answer any questions that representatives of Member States may wish to raise at this briefing.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Third session

Central African Republic configuration

An informal meeting (open) of the Central African Republic configuration will be held on Wednesday, 10 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Briefing

There will be an informal briefing by the Department on Peacekeeping Operations to members of the Special Committee on the "Senior Mission Administrative and Resource Training (SMART)" on Tuesday, 9 December 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Wednesday, 10 December 2008, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

Economic and Social Council

Briefing

There will be a briefing by the Chair of the WHO Commission on the Social Determinants of Health (CSDH), Sir Michael Marmot, on the report of the Commission, entitled "Closing the gap in a generation: Health equity through action on the social determinants of health", for members of the Economic and Social Council, on Wednesday, 10 December 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Following the presentation by Sir Michael Marmot and interventions by two discussants, Dr. Ruth Levine, Vice-President for Programs and Operations and Senior Fellow, Centre for Global Development, and Dr. Nora Lustig, J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Visiting Professor of International Affairs, The Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, the floor will be open for an interactive discussion. The session will be moderated by the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, Mr. Thomas Stelzer.

All are invited to attend. For more information on the event, please visit the following Web site: <www.un.org/ecosoc/meetings/meeting_WHO.shtml>; or contact Ms. Cheryl Stafford (tel. 1 (917) 367-3116; e-mail stafford@un.org).

United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

International expert group meeting on the role of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in the implementation of article 42 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

The international expert group meeting on the role of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in the implementation of article 42 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples will take place from Wednesday, 14, to Friday, 16 January 2009, in Conference Room 5. Member States interested in attending, *at the expert level*, are kindly requested to inscribe with the secretariat of the Permanent Forum, by *today*, 5 December 2008 (tel. 1 (917) 367-5759; fax 1 (917) 367-5102; e-mail pollack@un.org). Given space limitations, the list of participants in the meeting will be established on a first-come, first-served basis. The documents for the meeting are available at <www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/en/EGM_A42.html>.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Informal consultation

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold an informal consultation on the report of cost classification in UNDP, on Wednesday, 10 December 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.31, entitled "International migration and development" (under agenda item 51 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

Tuesday, 9 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence (under agenda item 51 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Netherlands)

Tuesday, 9 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Eastern European States Group (on Fifth Committee matters)

Tuesday, 9 December 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Special Court for Sierra Leone (briefing to the Group of interested States)

Friday, 12 December 2008, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Forthcoming other activities

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Panel discussion on "African shared values on democracy, good governance and human rights within the context of the 2006 Framework for the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme for the African Union" (organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the African Union, in partnership with the Department of Political Affairs, the National Democratic Institute (NDI) and the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA))

Tuesday, 9 December 2008, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mrs. Marieme Kane, African Union (tel. 1 (212) 319-5490, ext. 15; e-mail kaneaumission_ny@yahoo.com).]

"The Next One Hundred Project" — Workshop on the status of efforts towards effective implementation of the Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Finland, in cooperation with the Henry L. Stimson Center and the Stanley Foundation)

Tuesday, 9 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Consulate General of Finland (866 United Nations Plaza, Suite 250).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Tapio Tolvanen, Permanent Mission of Finland (tel. 1 (212) 821-0269; e-mail tapio.tolvanen@formin.fi).]

Women's International Forum (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

Tuesday, 9 December 2008, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 4.

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.]

Panel discussion on "Reconstituting Korea security" and book launch (organized by the United Nations University)

Tuesday, 9 December 2008, from 1.15 to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[To register or more information for the event, please visit the following Web site: <www.ony.un.edu>. For any query, please contact Ms. Ekaterina Anyanova, UNU (tel. 1 (212) 963-6387; e-mail ekaterina@ony.unu.edu)]

UNITAR Migration and Development Series — Seminar on Migration Data (organized by UNITAR, in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the MacArthur Foundation)

Wednesday, 10 December 2008, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[All are invited to attend. For further information and registration, please visit <www.unitarny.org/en/data.html>; or contact Ms. Sarah Rosengaertner, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail rosengaertner@un.org).]

Panel discussion on "Reclaiming the vision: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights today" (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Department of Public Information and the NGO Committee on Human Rights)

Wednesday, 10 December 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the OHCHR New York Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-5931). The event will be broadcasted at <www.un.org/webcast>.]

DPI Conference on "Media and communications in peacebuilding" (organized by the Department of Public Information, in collaboration with the Peacebuilding Support Office)

Friday, 12 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and from 3 to 4.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Ms. Simone Eymann, Peace and Security Section, DPI (tel. 1 (917) 367-2428; fax 1 (212) 963-9737; e-mail: eymann@un.org).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
United Nations Office at Geneva

In accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 55/75, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene in Geneva, on Tuesday, 9 December 2008, at 3 p.m. in Room XVII at the Palais des Nations.

Announcements

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law: Urgent appeal for associate experts (junior professional officers)

The Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce that the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law was launched on 28 October 2008 and can be found at <www.un.org/law/avl>. The Audiovisual Library of International Law is a unique multi-media resource which is a core instrument for promoting a greater understanding of the essential role of the United Nations in the field of international law.

As this on-going project is entirely funded by voluntary contributions, the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is seeking contribution by Member States in funding associate experts (junior professional officers) in international law and in Web site management. For additional information, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-6971; e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women: Extension of deadline for submission of names of expert panellists

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 19 December 2008*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

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Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

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Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 4 December 2008

Security Council

6031st meeting

Security Council mission

Briefing by the Head of the Security Council mission to Afghanistan

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Afghanistan, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by the representative of Italy, H.E. Mr. Giulio Terzi, in his capacity as Head of the Security Council mission to Afghanistan.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

62nd plenary meeting

Oceans and the law of the sea . . . . . [70]

(a) Oceans and the law of the sea

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/63/63 and A/63/63/Add.1)

(ii) Report of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction (A/63/79 and A/63/79/Corr.1)

(iii) Report on the work of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its ninth meeting (A/63/174 and A/63/174/Corr.1)

(iv) Study prepared by the Secretariat (A/63/342)

(v) Draft resolution (A/63/L.42)

(b) Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/128)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/63/L.43)

The representative of Brazil made a statement, in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/63/L.42.

The representative of the United States made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/63/L.43.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and those countries that aligned themselves with the statement), Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Palau (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum), Viet Nam, Kenya, the Republic of Korea, Cuba and Tunisia.

H.E. The Honourable E. Ahamed, Minister of State for External Affairs of India, made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Monaco, Norway, Guatemala, Canada and Japan.

63rd plenary meeting — *Oceans and the law of the sea* . . . . . [70]

(a) Oceans and the law of the sea

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/63/63 and A/63/63/Add.1)

(ii) Report of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction (A/63/79 and A/63/79/Corr.1)

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(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/128)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/63/L.43)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 70 and its sub-items (a) and (b).

Statements were made by the representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Argentina, China, Iceland, Indonesia, Singapore, Mexico, Fiji, Sri Lanka, Ukraine, the United Republic of Tanzania, Kuwait, the Russian Federation, Maldives, Australia and South Africa.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/6 of 24 October 1996, H.E. Mr. Satya Nandan, Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority, made a statement.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

22nd meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 . . . . . [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chief of the Conditions of Service Section of the Office of Human Resources Management introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/62/582/Add.2).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/63/570).

The Chairman of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to a letter dated 6 March 2007 from Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly (A/C.5/61/19).

Statements were made by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the United States and the Russian Federation.

The Chief of the Conditions of Service Section of the Office of Human Resources Management replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin at a future date, under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexios Mitsopoulos (Greece).

The Chief of Service II of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/63/320 and A/63/371).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/63/568 and A/63/567).

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement on the contingent liability reserve for the United Nations Postal Administration and the revised estimates of the Economic and Social Council.

The representative of the United States made a statement on the contingent liability reserve for the United Nations Postal Administration.

The Chief of the Commercial Activities Service of Central Support Services replied to questions raised on the contingent liability reserve for the United Nations Postal Administration.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of these questions.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on these questions would begin at a future date, under the chairmanship of Mr. Henric Rasbrant (Sweden), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on Cluster Munitions. Dublin, 30 May 2008

Signature: Côte d'Ivoire (4 December 2008)

Signature: Guinea-Bissau (4 December 2008)

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Signature: Bahamas (4 December 2008)

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Signature: Bahamas (4 December 2008)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

Accession: Australia (4 December 2008)[1]

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons). Vienna, 13 October 1995

Consent to be bound: Paraguay (3 December 2008)[1]

Amendment to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 21 December 2001

Accession: Paraguay (3 December 2008)[1]

Protocol or Explosive Remnants of War to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol V). Geneva, 28 November 2003

Consent to be bound: Paraguay (3 December 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods. Geneva, 21 October 1982

Accession: Republic of Moldova (3 December 2008)[1]

European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN). Geneva, 26 May 2000

Accession: Romania (3 December 2008)[1]

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Notifications under articles 6 (3), 46 (13) and 46 (14): Brunei Darussalam (3 December 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on Cluster Munitions
Dublin, 30 May 2008

Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 15, the Convention on Cluster Munitions is open for signature at United Nations Headquarters until its entry into force.

Certified true copies of the Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail holbrook@un.org).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at <http://treaties.un.org>.

For general information on the signing conference, including registration, financial support, travel and visa arrangements, please consult the following Web site: <www.osloccm.no>.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *December 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Morocco
H.E. Mr. Mohammed Loulichki

Asian States:
Thailand
H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai

Eastern European States:
Czech Republic
H.E. Mr. Martin Palouš

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Colombia
H.E. Ms. Claudia Blum

Western European and other States:
Israel
H.E. Ms. Gabriela Shalev

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Thursday, 4 December 2008.

Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Documents**
	Sixty-third session
A/63/79/Corr.1	Item 70 — Oceans and the law of the sea — Report of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction — Letter dated 15 May 2008 from the Co-Chairpersons of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

A/63/437	Item 73 — Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission — Report of the Sixth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/438	Item 74 — Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-first session — Report of the Sixth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/440	Item 76 — Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts — Report of the Sixth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/442	Item 78 — Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization — Report of the Sixth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/444	Item 99 — Measures to eliminate international terrorism — Report of the Sixth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/445	Item 110 — Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly — Report of the Sixth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/450	Item 119 — Programme planning — Report of the Sixth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/451	Item 129 — Administration of justice at the United Nations — Report of the Sixth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/536	Item 135 — Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus — Performance report on the budget of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/571–S/2008/735	Items 15 and 16 — The situation in the Middle East — Question of Palestine — Letter dated 24 November 2008 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/572–S/2008/736	Items 15 and 16 — The situation in the Middle East — Question of Palestine — Identical letters dated 25 November 2008 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
	Second Committee
A/C.2/63/L.61	Item 49 (f) — Sustainable development: Convention on Biological Diversity — Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Andrei Metelitsa (Belarus), on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.17 [A C E F R S]
A/C.2/63/L.62	Item 49 (a) — Sustainable development: implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development — Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Andrei Metelitsa (Belarus), on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.27 [A C E F R S]

A/C.2/63/L.63	Item 54 — Operational activities for development — Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Troy Torrington (Guyana), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.43 — High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation [A C E F R S]
A/C.2/63/L.64	Item 50 — Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) — Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Andrei Metelitsa (Belarus), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.26 [A C E F R S]

Fifth Committee

A/C.5/63/11	Items 118 and 107 — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit — The world financial and economic crisis and its consequences — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/63/L.22/Rev.1 — Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/C.5/63/12	Items 118 and 64 (c) — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives — Situation of human rights in Myanmar — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.33 — Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

Security Council	**Documents**
A/63/571–S/2008/735	Letter dated 24 November 2008 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/572–S/2008/736	Identical letters dated 25 November 2008 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2008/743	Letter dated 26 November 2008 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2008/751	Report of the Secretary-General on developments in Guinea-Bissau and on the activities of the United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office in that country [A C E F R S]
S/2008/754	Letter dated 2 December 2008 from the Permanent Representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2008/755	Letter dated 3 December 2008 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

S/Agenda/6028	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/6029	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/6030	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]

Communications to the Editor

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Programme of meetings and agenda

Official meetings

[There are no meetings scheduled at Headquarters, on *Monday, 8 December 2008*, official holiday.]

Tuesday, 9 December 2008

Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 6034th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts[1]

   Letter dated 26 November 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2008/738)

[1]Speakers are kindly requested to limit their statement to *no more than five minutes*.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–12 noon . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 117 and 128 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Investigations/ Procurement Task Force; and Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/63/331, A/63/369, A/63/492, A/63/167, A/63/167/Add.1, A/63/329, A/63/329/Add.1, A/63/490, A/63/328 (Section III, Part C), A/63/302 (Part I), A/63/302/(Part I)/Add.1, A/63/302 (Part I)/Add.2 and A/63/328 (Section III, Parts A, B and C))

(continued overleaf)

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12 noon–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/63/5 (Vol. I), A/63/5 (Vol. III), A/63/5 (Vol. IV), A/63/5/Add.1, A/63/5/Add.1/Corr.1 (English only), A/63/5/Add.2, A/63/5/Add.2/Corr.1, A/63/5/Add.3, A/63/5/Add.4, A/63/5/Add.5, A/63/5/Add.6, A/63/5/Add.7, A/63/5/Add.8, A/63/5/Add.9, A/63/5/Add.10, A/63/5/Add.11, A/63/5/Add.12, A/63/169, A/63/327, A/63/327/Add.1, A/63/328 (Section III, Part E) and A/63/474))

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2008: Information technology (A/62/793, A/62/793/Add.1, A/62/510/Rev.1, A/62/477, A/62/502, A/62/7/Add.31, A/61/290, A/61/478, A/61/765, A/61/804, A/60/582, A/60/582/Add.1, A/60/665, A/60/665/Add.1, A/63/140, A/63/140/Add.1, A/61/826, A/62/537, A/63/487, A/63/487/Corr.1, A/63/487/Corr.2, A/62/806 and A/63/496))

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Executive session

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Briefing

There will be an informal briefing by the Department on Peacekeeping Operations to members of the Special Committee on the "Senior Mission Administrative and Resource Training (SMART)" on *Tuesday, 9 December 2008*, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Tuesday, 9 December 2008

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the recognition of sickle-cell anaemia as a public health priority (under agenda item 155 (b)) (convened by the delegation of the Congo)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.31, entitled "International migration and development" (under agenda item 51 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal "informal" consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.29, entitled "The role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence" (under agenda item 51 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Netherlands)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.57, entitled "Implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010" (under agenda item 52 (a)) (convened by the Rapporteur of the Second Committee (Yemen))

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 9 December 2008

Group of 77 (on Second Committee matters)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights (Guatemala draft declaration and programme of action)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Eastern European States Group (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

OIC Group (Third Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Other activities

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Tuesday, 9 December 2008

Panel discussion on "African shared values on democracy, good governance and human rights within the context of the 2006 Framework for the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme for the African Union" (organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the African Union, in partnership with the Department of Political Affairs, the National Democratic Institute (NDI) and the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA))

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mrs. Marieme Kane, African Union (tel. 1 (212) 319-5490, ext. 15; e-mail kaneaumission_ny@yahoo.com).]

"The Next One Hundred Project" — Workshop on the status of efforts towards effective implementation of the Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Finland, in cooperation with the Henry L. Stimson Center and the Stanley Foundation)

From 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Consulate General of Finland (866 United Nations Plaza, Suite 250).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Tapio Tolvanen, Permanent Mission of Finland (tel. 1 (212) 821-0269; e-mail tapio.tolvanen@formin.fi).]

Women's International Forum (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

From 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 4.

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.]

Panel discussion on "Reconstituting Korea security" and book launch (organized by United Nations University Office in New York (UNU-ONY))

From 1.15 to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[To register or for more information for the event, please visit the following Web site: <www.ony.un.edu>. For any query, please contact Ms. Ekaterina Anyanova, UNU-ONY (tel. 1 (212) 963-6387; e-mail ekaterina@ony.unu.edu).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Tuesday, 9 December 2008

Room S-226

10.30 a.m. . . . . Ms. Madeleine Albright, former Secretary of State (United States), and Mr. William Cohen, former Secretary of Defense (United States), Co-Chairs of the United States Task Force on Genocide (on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide) [sponsored by the United States Mission]

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

1 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann, President of the General Assembly; and Ms. Maude Barlow, Senior Advisor to the President of the General Assembly on water issues (on issues relating to human rights and water)

2 p.m. . . . . Ms. Navi Pillay, High Commissioner for Human Rights (on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (10 December))

3 p.m. . . . . Mr. Craig Mokhiber, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights; Mr. Steven Kull, Director, WorldPublicOpinion.org; and Ms. Peggy Hicks, Global Advocacy Director, Human Rights Watch (to launch the *World Public Opinion* and the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* reports)

5 p.m. . . . . Mr. Hillel Neuer, Executive Director, UN Watch (to launch a report entitled "Eleanor's Dream: How to Strengthen the United Nations Human Rights Council") [sponsored by the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs]

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 10 December 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

9–11 a.m. . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Panel I on the theme "Sixty years after the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Lessons learned"

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Panel II on the theme "The full implementation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Challenges ahead and ways forward"

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

3 p.m. . . . . 65th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Promotion and protection of human rights . . . . . [64]

Main Committees

Second Committee

The Second Committee will hold its final meeting on Thursday, 11 December 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2, to take action on all outstanding draft proposals before it for the sixty-third session of the General Assembly.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Wednesday, 10 December 2008, at 10 a.m. and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities

Briefing

The Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities, H.E. Mr. Jan Grauls (Belgium), will hold an open briefing for interested Member States on Thursday, 11 December 2008, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

The briefing will provide an update on the work of the Committee and the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team, in particular on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1822 (2008).

The Chairman and the Coordinator of the Monitoring Team look forward to this mutually beneficial dialogue with Member States and will be pleased to answer any questions that representatives of Member States may wish to raise at this briefing.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission

Third session

Central African Republic configuration

An informal meeting (open) of the Central African Republic configuration will be held on Wednesday, 10 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Burundi configuration

An informal meeting (open) of the Burundi configuration will be held on Friday, 12 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Wednesday, 10 December 2008, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

Economic and Social Council

Briefing

There will be a briefing by the Chair of the WHO Commission on the Social Determinants of Health (CSDH), Sir Michael Marmot, on the report of the Commission, entitled "Closing the gap in a generation: Health equity through action on the social determinants of health", for members of the Economic and Social Council, on Wednesday, 10 December 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Following the presentation by Sir Michael Marmot and interventions by two discussants, Dr. Ruth Levine, Vice-President for Programs and Operations and Senior Fellow, Centre for Global Development, and Dr. Nora Lustig, J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Visiting Professor of International Affairs, The Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, the floor will be open for an interactive discussion. The session will be chaired by the Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Andrei Dapkiunas (Belarus), and will be moderated by the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, Mr. Thomas Stelzer.

All are invited to attend. For more information on the event, please visit the following Web site: <www.un.org/ecosoc/meetings/meeting_WHO.shtml>; or contact Ms. Cheryl Stafford (tel. 1 (917) 367-3116; e-mail stafford@un.org).

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Informal consultation

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold an informal consultation on the report of cost classification in UNDP, on Wednesday, 10 December 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights (Guatemala draft declaration and programme of action)

Wednesday, 10 December 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Special Court for Sierra Leone (briefing to the Group of interested States)

Friday, 12 December 2008, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Eastern European States Group (meeting of election officers)

Friday, 12 December 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Forthcoming other activities

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UNITAR Migration and Development Series — Seminar on Migration Data (organized by UNITAR, in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the MacArthur Foundation)

Wednesday, 10 December 2008, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[All are invited to attend. For further information and registration, please visit <www.unitarny.org/en/data.html>; or contact Ms. Sarah Rosengaertner, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail rosengaertner@un.org).]

Special events on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Panel discussion on "Reclaiming the vision: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights today" (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Department of Public Information and the NGO Committee on Human Rights)

Wednesday, 10 December 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the OHCHR New York Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-5931). The event will be broadcasted at <www.un.org/webcast>.]

Film screening (co-sponsored by the Delegation of the European Commission to the United Nations, the Department of Public Information and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Wednesday, 10 December 2008, at 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the OHCHR New York Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-5931).]

First anniversary of bombing of the United Nations offices in Algiers (organized by the Staff Council Standing Committee on the Security and Independence of the International Civil Service, UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS Staff Council and the United Nations International Civil Servants Federation (UNISERV)

Thursday, 11 December 2008, at 9.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[For further information, please contact Mr. Edoardo Bellando, Staff Council Committee on the Security and Independence of the International Civil Service (room DC1-540; tel. 1 (212) 963-8275; e-mail bellando@un.org).]

DPI/NGO briefing on "Dignity and justice for all of us: After 60 years of the Universal Declaration, what's next?"

Thursday, 11 December 2008, from 10.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Albert Lee, NGO Section, DPI (tel. 1 (212) 963-7709; e-mail section1d@un.org).]

UNU Lecture Series (II) — "Emerging thinking on Global Issues" on "Human rights: The second 60 years" (organized by the United Nations University Office in New York (UNU-ONY))

Thursday, 11 December 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[To register or more information for the event, please visit <www.ony.unu.edu>. If you have a query, please contact Mr. Durlabh Maharishi, UNU-ONY (tel. 1 (212) 963-6387; e-mail durlabh@ony.unu.edu).]

DPI Conference on "Media and communications in peacebuilding" (organized by the Department of Public Information, in collaboration with the Peacebuilding Support Office)

Friday, 12 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and from 3 to 4.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Ms. Simone Eymann, Peace and Security Section, DPI (tel. 1 (917) 367-2428; fax 1 (212) 963-9737; e-mail eymann@un.org).]

Lecture on "Islamic science and the European Renaissance" (sponsored by the Permanent Missions of the Republic of Korea, Switzerland and Yemen)

Friday, 12 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Yemen (tel. 1 (212) 355-1730).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
United Nations Office at Geneva

In accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 55/75, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene in Geneva, on *Tuesday, 9 December 2008*, at 3 p.m. in Room XVII at the Palais des Nations.

Announcements

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law: Urgent appeal for associate experts (junior professional officers)

The Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce that the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law was launched on 28 October 2008 and can be found at <www.un.org/law/avl>. The Audiovisual Library of International Law is a unique multi-media resource which is a core instrument for promoting a greater understanding of the essential role of the United Nations in the field of international law.

As this on-going project is entirely funded by voluntary contributions, the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is seeking contribution by Member States in funding associate experts (junior professional officers) in international law and in Web site management. For additional information, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-6971; e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women: Extension of deadline for submission of names of expert panellists

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 19 December 2008*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 5 December 2008

Security Council

6032nd meeting (closed) *Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B*

United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 5 December 2008, the Security Council, pursuant to annex II, sections A and B of resolution 1353 (2001), held its 6032nd meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus.

"The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Tayé-Brook Zerihoun, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus.

"Members of the Council, Mr. Zerihoun and representatives of participating troop-contributing countries had an exchange of views."

6033rd meeting *The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina*

Letter dated 13 November 2008 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2008/705)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, High Representative for the Implementation of the Peace Agreement on Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Lajčák.

The Council heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Nikola Špirić, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Statements were made by the representatives of France, the United States, the Russian Federation, Italy, the United Kingdom, South Africa, Panama, Belgium, Burkina Faso, China, Viet Nam, Indonesia, Costa Rica and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Croatia.

Mr. Lajčák responded to questions and comments made.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

64th plenary meeting The summary of the 64th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2008/239).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations. New York, 13 February 1946

Accession: Micronesia (Federated States of) (5 December 2008)[1]

Second revised text of Annex II – Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) - to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. Rome, 8 December 1965

Application: Estonia (7 November 2008)[1]

Third revised text of Annex VII – World Health Organization (WHO) – to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. Minneapolis, 17 July 1958

Application: Estonia (7 November 2008)[1]

Second Revised text of Annex XII – International Maritime Organization (IMO) – to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. London, 22 November 2001

Application: Estonia (7 November 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Annex XIII – International Finance Corporation (IFC) – to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. Washington, 2 April 1959

Application: Estonia (7 November 2008)[1]

Annex XIV – International Development Association (IDA) – to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. Washington, 13 February 1962

Application: Estonia (7 November 2008)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 18 December 2002

Ratification: Germany (4 December 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on Cluster Munitions
Dublin, 30 May 2008

Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 15, the Convention on Cluster Munitions is open for signature at United Nations Headquarters until its entry into force.

Certified true copies of the Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail holbrook@un.org).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at <http://treaties.un.org>.

For general information on the signing conference, including registration, financial support, travel and visa arrangements, please consult the following Web site: <www.osloccm.no>.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *December 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Morocco
H.E. Mr. Mohammed Loulichki

Asian States:
Thailand
H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai

Eastern European States:
Czech Republic
H.E. Mr. Martin Palouš

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Colombia
H.E. Ms. Claudia Blum

Western European and other States:
Israel
H.E. Ms. Gabriela Shalev

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	Sixth Committee
A/C.6/63/SR.5	Meeting held on 10 October 2008, 10 a.m. [A C E F R S]
A/C.6/63/SR.6	Meeting held on 13 October 2008, 11 a.m. [A C E F R S]
A/C.6/63/SR.8	Meeting held on 14 October 2008, 10 a.m. [A C E F R S]

General Assembly	Documents
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A/63/120/Add.2	Item 89 (f) — General and complete disarmament: transparency in armaments — United Nations Register of Conventional Arms Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/435/Add.1	Item 58 — Report of the Human Rights Council — Report of the Third Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/540	Items 44, 53 and 107 — Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields — Eradication of poverty and other development issues — Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit — Letter dated 7 November 2008 from the Permanent Representatives of Guatemala and Switzerland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/577–S/2008/747	Item 15 — The situation in the Middle East — Identical letters dated 26 November 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
A/63/578–S/2008/749	Item 21 — Question of Cyprus — Letter dated 28 November 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/579–S/2008/750	Item 21 — Question of Cyprus — Letter dated 28 November 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.25/Rev.1	Item 107 — Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit — Australia, Austria, Benin, Brazil, Canada, Cyprus, Finland, France, Germany, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Lesotho, Lithuania, Madagascar, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Peru, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania and Uruguay: revised draft resolution — Legal empowerment of the poor and eradication of poverty [A C E F R S]
A/RES/63/25	Item 64 — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly — Commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights [A C E F R S]
	Fifth Committee
A/C.5/63/13	Items 118 and 64 (b) — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Committee on the Rights of the Child — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.46/Rev.1 (as orally revised) — Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

A/C.5/63/15	Items 118 and 71 — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Request for an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on whether the unilateral declaration of independence of Kosovo is in accordance with international law — Request for an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on whether the unilateral declaration of independence of Kosovo is in accordance with international law — Programme budget implications of General Assembly resolution 63/3 — Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/C.5/63/16	Items 118 and 60 (a) — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Promotion and protection of the rights of children — Rights of the child — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.16/Rev.1 — Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus

A/CONF.212/L.1/Rev.1	Item 10 — Adoption of the outcome document of the Conference — Doha Declaration on Financing for Development: outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus — Draft resolution submitted on the recommendation of the Main Committee [A C E F R S]

Security Council	**Documents**
S/2008/732	Letter dated 25 November 2008 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2008/737	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for the period from 1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008 [A C E F R S]
S/2008/739	Letter dated 25 November 2008 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2008/745	Fourth report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Integrated Office in Burundi [A C E F R S]
A/63/577–S/2008/747	Identical letters dated 26 November 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
A/63/578–S/2008/749	Letter dated 28 November 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/579–S/2008/750	Letter dated 28 November 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
S/2008/761	Twenty-seventh report of the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 14 of resolution 1284 (1999) [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/6031	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Documents

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DP/2009/7	Item 7 of the provisional agenda — United Nations Office for Project Services — Report on comprehensive post classification at UNOPS and proposals concerning implementation of the recommendations [A C E F R S]
DP/FPA/2009/1	Item 4 of the provisional agenda — Recommendations of the Board of Auditors — United Nations Population Fund — Follow-up to the Report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for 2006-2007: Status of implementation of recommendations — Report of the Executive Director [A C E F R S]

Communications to the Editor

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Official meetings

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Security Council

10 a.m. — 6035th meeting (closed) — Conference Room 1

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, Sections A and B

United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

Morning[1] — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

UNDOF (S/2008/737)

UNRCCA

Other matters

Morning[2] — 6036th meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Non-proliferation

Briefing by the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 (2006)

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 6035th meeting.
[2] To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

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General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

9–11 a.m. — Trusteeship Council Chamber

Panel I

Theme: Sixty years after the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Lessons learned

Moderator:

Ms. Julia Dolly Joiner (Gambia)

Panellists:

Ms. Carolyn Gomes (Jamaica)

Ms. Mary Robinson (Ireland)

Mr. Denis Mukwege (Democratic Republic of the Congo)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. — Trusteeship Council Chamber

Panel II

Theme: The full implementation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Challenges ahead and ways forward

Moderator:

Mr. Eduardo González (Peru)

Panellists:

Ms. Maude Barlow (Canada)

Ms. Lauri Mälksoo (Estonia)

Mr. Ghassan Salamé (Lebanon)

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3 p.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed) Iraq/Kuwait Sudan Sanctions Committee Other matters	Consultations Room

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

3 p.m.	Informal meeting (closed)	Conference Room 6

Security Council Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions

3 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7

3 p.m.	65th plenary meeting Promotion and protection of human rights: draft resolution (A/63/L.54) [64]	General Assembly Hall
Afternoon[1]	66th plenary meeting Report of the Human Rights Council: report of the Third Committee (A/63/435) [58]	General Assembly Hall
Afternoon[2]	65th plenary meeting (resumed) Promotion and protection of human rights: draft resolution (A/63/L.54) [64]	General Assembly Hall

[1]To be held following the suspension of the 65th plenary meeting.
[2]To be held following the adjournment of the 66th plenary meeting.

Announcement

The rearrangement of the front page of the *Journal of the United Nations* is in accordance with paragraph 15 of General Assembly resolution 60/286 of 8 September 2006 (A/RES/60/286).

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 129 (Administration of justice at the United Nations (A/63/314, A/62/782, A/62/748, A/62/748/Corr.1, A/63/211, A/63/253, A/63/283, A/C.5/62/27, A/C.5/63/9, A/62/7/Add.39 and A/63/545))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Human resources management (A/63/282, A/63/132, A/63/298, A/62/274, A/61/861, A/61/850, A/61/732, A/61/30/Add.1, A/63/310, A/63/310/Add.1, A/63/310/Add.2, A/63/310/Add.3, A/62/315, A/62/628, A/62/628/Add.1, A/C.5/62/L.9, A/63/202, A/62/186, A/61/206, A/62/890, A/61/957, A/63/208, A/62/215, A/61/806, A/61/806/Add.1, A/63/189, A/62/185, A/61/1029, A/63/285, A/61/822, A/63/301, A/62/285, A/63/290, A/63/204, A/62/845, A/62/845/Add.1, A/61/283, A/61/694, A/61/694/Add.1, A/62/707, A/62/707/Add.1, A/63/221, A/62/7/Add.14 (Sects. III-X), A/63/526, A/63/526/Corr.1, A/C.5/63/3, A/C.5/63/3/Add.1 and A/C.5/63/3/Add.2))

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Executive session

Economic and Social Council

3–5 p.m. . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Briefing by the Chair of the WHO Commission on the Social Determinants of Health (CSDH), Sir Michael Marmot, on the report of the Commission, entitled "Closing the gap in a generation: Health equity through action on the social determinants of health"

Chair:

H.E. Mr. Andrei Dapkiunas (Belarus), Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council

Moderator:

Mr. Thomas Stelzer, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Discussants:

Dr. Ruth Levine, Vice-President for Programs and Operations and Senior Fellow, Centre for Global Development

Dr. Nora Lustig, J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Visiting Professor of International Affairs, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Third session

Central African Republic configuration

An informal meeting (open) of the Central African Republic configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held *today*, 10 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund
Informal consultation

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold an informal consultation on the report of cost classification in UNDP, *today*, 10 December 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Wednesday, 10 December 2008

General Assembly

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/63/L.29, entitled "International Labour Organization Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization" (under agenda item 44) (convened by the delegations of Norway and the United Republic of Tanzania)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Meeting of co-sponsors of draft resolution A/63/L.8, entitled "Security and climate change" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegation of Tonga and the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS))

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa" (under agenda item 43) (convened by the delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Other meetings

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Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

9–11 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on matters related to the Second Committee; and on the draft resolution on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

African Group (Second Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Other activities

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Wednesday, 10 December 2008

UNITAR Migration and Development Series — Seminar on Migration Data (organized by UNITAR, in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the MacArthur Foundation)

From 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[All are invited to attend. For further information and registration, please visit <www.unitarny.org/en/data.html>; or contact Ms. Sarah Rosengaertner, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail rosengaertner@un.org).]

Special events on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Panel discussion on "Reclaiming the vision: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights today" (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Department of Public Information and the NGO Committee on Human Rights)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the OHCHR New York Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-5931). The event will be broadcasted at <www.un.org/webcast>.]

Panel discussion on the report of the Global Migration Group (GMG) on "International migration and human rights, challenges and opportunities on the threshold of the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights" (organized by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), in collaboration with the Global Migration Group)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Sabrina Juran, UNFPA (tel. 1 (212) 297-5090; e-mail juran@unfpa.org).]

Film screening (co-sponsored by the Delegation of the European Commission to the United Nations, the Department of Public Information and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)

At 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the OHCHR New York Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-5931).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Wednesday, 10 December 2008

Room S-226

11 a.m. . . . . Mr. Austin Ruse, Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute; Ms. Wendy Wright, Concerned Women for America; Ms. Noelia García Ayuele, Institute for Family Policy; Ms. Laura Knaperack, United Families International; Ms. Pawel Wosicki, Polish Federation of Pro-Life Groups; Mr. Carlo Casini, Member of the European Parliament; and Ms. Marthe De Casco, Member of the Honduran Parliament (to present the petition for the unborn child) [sponsored by the United States Mission]

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

5 p.m. . . . . New recipients of the United Nations Prize in the Field of Human Rights (on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights)

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 11 December 2008

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

10 a.m. . . . . 67th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/436) . . . . . [72]

2. Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/437) . . . . . [73]

3. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-first session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/438) . . . . . [74]

4. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixtieth session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/439) . . . . . [75]

5. Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/440) [76]

6. Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/441) . . . . . [77]

7. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/442) . . . . . [78]

8. The rule of law at the national and international levels: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/443) . . . . . [79]

9. Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/444) [99]

10. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/445) . . . . . [110]

11. Programme planning: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/450) . . . . . [119]

12. Administration of justice at the United Nations: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/451) . . . . . [129]

13. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/452) . . . . . [150]

14. Observer status for the South Centre in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/453) . . . . . [151]

15. Observer status for the University for Peace in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/455) . . . . . [153]

16. Observer status for the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/454) . . . . . [156]

17. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict . . . . . [11]

(a) Letter from India transmitting the report on the progress made towards the implementation of the Kimberly Process Certification Scheme (A/63/560)

(b) Draft resolution (A/63/L.52)

18. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic: report of the Secretary-General (A/63/525) . . . . . [14]

19. Sport for peace and development . . . . . [42]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/466)

(b) Draft resolution (A/63/L.51)

20. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: draft resolutions (A/63/L.45, A/63/L.47, A/63/L.48, A/63/L.49, A/63/L.50 and A/63/L.53) . . . . . [65]

21. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: draft resolution (A/63/L.25/Rev.1) . . . . . [107]

22. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries: draft resolution (A/63/L.41) . . . . . [114 (f)]

Main Committees

Second Committee

The Second Committee will hold its final meeting on Thursday, 11 December 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2, to take action on all outstanding draft proposals before it for the sixty-third session of the General Assembly.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Thursday, 11 December 2008, at 10 a.m. and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities
Briefing

The Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities, H.E. Mr. Jan Grauls (Belgium), will hold an open briefing for interested Member States on Thursday, 11 December 2008, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

The briefing will provide an update on the work of the Committee and the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team, in particular on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1822 (2008).

The Chairman and the Coordinator of the Monitoring Team look forward to this mutually beneficial dialogue with Member States and will be pleased to answer any questions that representatives of Member States may wish to raise at this briefing.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Third session

Burundi configuration

An informal meeting (open) of the Burundi configuration of the Peacebuilding Commisson will be held on Friday, 12 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

There will be an informal briefing by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations to members of the Special Committee on the "Police Division and Standing Police Capacity" on Friday, 12 December 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

The informal open-ended working group on enhanced rapidly deployable capacities of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold an informal meeting on Wednesday, 17 December 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Informal briefing

The Chairperson, H.E. Mr. Olivier Belle (Belgium), will hold an informal briefing on preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women, on Thursday, 11 December 2008, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Informal briefing

The Executive Board of UNICEF will hold an informal briefing on UNICEF's accountability system and on the follow-up to the evaluation of the gender policy implementation on Monday, 15 December 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Convention on the Rights of the Child

Meeting of the States Parties
Twelfth Meeting

The Twelfth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child will be held on Tuesday, 16 December 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The purpose of this meeting is to elect 9 members of the Committee on the Rights to replace those whose terms of office are due to expire on 28 February 2009. The documents for the Meeting are CRC/SP/5* (rules of procedure), CRC/SP/39, CRC/SP/40 and CRC/SP/40/Add.1. Credentials should be submitted to the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (room S-2914) prior to *Tuesday, 16 December*. Pursuant to article 43 paragraph 5 of the Convention, the necessary quorum for the meeting is two-thirds of the States Parties. In the recent past, meetings of States Parties have been substantially delayed or cancelled due to a lack of a quorum. In order to avoid such occurrences, it is imperative for States Parties to be present at the appointed time for the meeting.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

First regular session 2009

The first regular session 2009 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from Monday, 19, to Thursday, 22 January 2009, in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2009/L.1. Member States as well as Observers and other organizations attending the session are requested to e-mail their credentials to the secretariat of the UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board (marcela.romero@undp.org) or by fax (1 (212) 906-5634), as early as possible, but *no later than 12 January 2009*. The session will be preceded by an informal consultation on matters to be taken up at the first regular session of the Board, on Wednesday, 7 January, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5.

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP will take place on Friday, 23, and Monday, 26 January 2009, in Conference Room 2. According to decision 2006/14, the Board decided that prior to the convening of the joint meeting, the new Bureau should be selected, and therefore there will be a formal meeting of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, on Friday, 9 January, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Supporting the United Nations International School in enhancing international education and promoting multicultural interaction" (under agenda item 45) (convened by the delegations of Egypt and Singapore)

Thursday, 11 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 7.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/63/L.29, entitled "International Labour Organization Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization" (under agenda item 44) (convened by the delegations of Norway and the United Republic of Tanzania)

Thursday, 11 December 2008, from 10.15 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/63/L.8, entitled "Security and climate change" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegation of Tonga and the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS))

Friday, 12 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Monday, 15 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights (Guatemala draft declaration and programme of action)

Thursday, 11 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E; and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

Thursday, 11 December 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber; and

Friday, 12 December 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Special Court for Sierra Leone (briefing to the Group of interested States)

Friday, 12 December 2008, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Eastern European States Group (meeting of election officers)

Friday, 12 December 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Part [redacted] other activities

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First anniversary of bombing of the United Nations offices in Algiers (organized by the Staff Council Standing Committee on the Security and Independence of the International Civil Service, UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS Staff Council and the United Nations International Civil Servants Federation (UNISERV)

Thursday, 11 December 2008, at 9.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[For further information, please contact Mr. Edoardo Bellando, Staff Council Committee on the Security and Independence of the International Civil Service (room DC1-540; tel. 1 (212) 963-8275; e-mail bellando@un.org).]

DPI/NGO briefing on "Dignity and justice for all of us: After 60 years of the Universal Declaration, what's next?"

Thursday, 11 December 2008, from 10.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Albert Lee, NGO Section, DPI (tel. 1 (212) 963-7709; e-mail section1d@un.org).]

UNU Lecture Series (II) — Emerging thinking on global issues on "Human rights: The second 60 years" (organized by the United Nations University Office in New York (UNU-ONY))

Thursday, 11 December 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[To register or more information for the event, please visit <www.ony.unu.edu>. If you have a query, please contact Mr. Durlabh Maharishi, UNU-ONY (tel. 1 (212) 963-6387; e-mail durlabh@ony.unu.edu).]

DPI Conference on "Media and communications in peacebuilding" (organized by the Department of Public Information, in collaboration with the Peacebuilding Support Office)

Friday, 12 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and from 3 to 4.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Ms. Simone Eymann, Peace and Security Section, DPI (tel. 1 (917) 367-2428; fax 1 (212) 963-9737; e-mail eymann@un.org).]

Lecture on "Islamic science and the European Renaissance" (sponsored by the Permanent Missions of the Republic of Korea, Switzerland and Yemen)

Friday, 12 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Yemen (tel. 1 (212) 355-1730).]

UNITAR Migration and Development Series — Panel discussion on the occasion of International Migrants Day on the theme "The human rights of migrants: Facilitating migrants' participation in national and international affairs" (organized by UNITAR, in collaboration with IOM, UNFPA, International IDEA, the Center for Migration Studies and the MacArthur Foundation)

Thursday, 18 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information and registration, please visit <www.unitarny.org/en/migrantsday08.html>; or contact Ms. Sarah Rosengaertner, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail rosengaertner@un.org).]

Announcements

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law: Urgent appeal for associate experts (junior professional officers)

The Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce that the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law was launched on 28 October 2008 and can be found at <www.un.org/law/avl>. The Audiovisual Library of International Law is a unique multi-media resource which is a core instrument for promoting a greater understanding of the essential role of the United Nations in the field of international law.

As this on-going project is entirely funded by voluntary contributions, the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is seeking contribution by Member States in funding associate experts (junior professional officers) in international law and in Web site management. For additional information, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-6971; e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women: Extension of deadline for submission of names of expert panellists

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 19 December 2008*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

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Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

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Summary of official meetings

Friday, 5 December 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

64th plenary meeting

Reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Rapporteur of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 27 to 37, 110 and 119.

Under rule 66 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided not to discuss the reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) which were before the Assembly.

Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/63/398) . . . . . [27]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 9 of its report (A/63/398) (resolution 63/89).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 27.

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/63/399) . . . . . [28]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 11 of its report (A/63/399) (resolution 63/90).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 28.

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/63/400) [29]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I to IV recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 16 of its report (A/63/400).

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (recorded vote) (resolution 63/91)	173	1	6
Draft resolution II (recorded vote) (resolution 63/92)	172	6	2
Draft resolution III (recorded vote) (resolution 63/93)	172	6	1
Draft resolution IV (recorded vote) (resolution 63/94)	173	6	2

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 29.

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/63/401) [30]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I to V recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 16 of its report (A/63/401).

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (recorded vote) (resolution 63/95)	94	8	73

Draft resolution II (recorded vote) (resolution 63/96)	173	6	1
Draft resolution III (recorded vote) (resolution 63/97)	171	6	2
Draft resolution IV (recorded vote) (resolution 63/98)	165	8	4
Draft resolution V (recorded vote) (resolution 63/99)	171	1	7

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The representative of Fiji made a statement on a point of order.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 30.

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/63/402) . . . . . [31]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/63/402).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 31.

Questions relating to information: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/63/403) . . . . . [32]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 14 of its report (A/63/403) (resolution 63/100).

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 15 of its report (A/63/403).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 32.

Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/63/404) . . . . . [33]

By 177 votes to none, with 4 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 7 of its report (A/63/404) (resolution 63/101).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 33.

Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/63/405) . . . . . [34]

By 179 votes to 2, with 2 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 7 of its report (A/63/405) (resolution 63/102).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 34.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/63/406) . . . . . [35]

By 125 votes to none, with 55 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 7 of its report (A/63/406) (resolution 63/103).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 35.

Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/63/407) . . . . . [36]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 6 of its report (A/63/407) (resolution 63/104).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 36.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/63/408) . . . . . [37]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I to VI recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 37 of its report (A/63/408) and draft decisions I and II recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 38 of the same report.

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (resolution 63/105)		Adopted	
Draft resolution II (resolution 63/106)		Adopted	
Draft resolution III (resolution 63/107)		Adopted	
Draft resolution IV (resolution 63/108)		Adopted	
Draft resolution V (recorded vote) (resolution 63/109)	177	3	1
Draft resolution VI (recorded vote) (resolution 63/110)	177	3	1
Draft decision I		Adopted	
Draft decision II		Adopted	

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 37.

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/63/409) . . . . . [110]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 5 of its report (A/63/409).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 110.

Programme planning: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/63/449) . . . . . [119]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/63/449).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 119.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) before it.

Oceans and the law of the sea . . . . . [70]

(a) Oceans and the law of the sea

(ii) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/63/63 and A/63/63/Add.1)

(iii) Report of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction (A/63/79 and A/63/79/Corr.1)

(iv) Report on the work of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its ninth meeting (A/63/174 and A/63/174/Corr.1)

(v) Study prepared by the Secretariat (A/63/342)

(vi) Draft resolution (A/63/L.42)

(b) Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/128)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/63/L.43)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 70 and its sub-items (a) and (b).

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/204 of 17 December 1996, H.E. Mr. José Luis Jesus, President of the International Tribunal of the Law of the Sea, made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/2 of 13 October 1980, the observer of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization made a statement.

The representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement on programme budget implications of draft resolution A/63/L.42.

By 155 votes to 1, with 4 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.42 (resolution 63/111).

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement on programme budget implications of draft resolution A/63/L.43.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.43 (resolution 63/112).

The representative of Bolivia made a statement on a point of order.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Argentina, Turkey and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

The representative of Singapore made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 70 and its sub-items (a) and (b).

Culture of peace: draft resolution (A/63/L.23) . . . . . [45]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 45.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.23 (resolution 63/113).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 45.

Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations . . [114]

(o) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons: draft resolution (A/63/L.46)

(r) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference: draft resolution (A/63/L.44)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-items (o) and (r) of agenda item 114.

The representative of Uganda made a statement, in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/63/L.44.

The representative of the Netherlands made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/63/L.46.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.44 (resolution 63/114).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.46 (resolution 63/115).

The representative of France (on behalf of the European Union and those countries that aligned themselves with the statement) made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-items (o) and (r) of agenda item 114.

The President made an appeal to those Member States intending to submit draft resolutions on the remaining sub-items, to do so as soon as possible.

Tuesday, 9 December 2008

Security Council

6034th meeting

Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts

Letter dated 26 November 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2008/738)

The meeting was presided over by H.E. Mr. Stjepan Mesić, President of the Republic of Croatia, in his capacity as President of the Security Council.

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Liechtenstein, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka and Turkey, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President, H.E. Mr. Stjepan Mesić, made introductory remarks.

The Secretary-General, H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Burkina Faso, Italy, the United States, the United Kingdom, Indonesia, the Russian Federation, Belgium, Panama, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, South Africa, China, France, Viet Nam and Costa Rica, and by the President, H.E. Mr. Stjepan Mesić, speaking in his capacity as the President of the Republic of Croatia.

The Council heard statements by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, H.E. Mr. Sven Alkalaj, and the Minister of State for External Affairs of India, H.E. Mr. E. Ahamed, and by the representatives of Australia, Algeria, Spain and Afghanistan.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon resumption of the meeting, presided over by H.E. Mr. Neven Jurica, Permanent Representative of Croatia, the President invited the representatives of Malaysia, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the Syrian Arab Republic, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Japan, Liechtenstein, Kazakhstan, Cuba, Israel, Singapore, Mexico, Argentina, Turkey, Azerbaijan, the Republic of Korea, the Philippines, Jordan, Brazil, Ecuador, Austria, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Colombia, Albania, Canada, Morocco, Malaysia, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Pakistan and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The representative of the United States made a further statement.

The Council heard further statements from the representatives of Cuba, India and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

The President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Stjepan Mesić, President of the Republic of Croatia, made a statement (S/PRST/2008/45).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

Convention on Cluster Munitions
Dublin, 30 May 2008

Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 15, the Convention on Cluster Munitions is open for signature at United Nations Headquarters until its entry into force.

Certified true copies of the Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail holbrook@un.org).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at <http://treaties.un.org>.

For general information on the signing conference, including registration, financial support, travel and visa arrangements, please consult the following Web site: <www.osloccm.no>.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *December 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Morocco
H.E. Mr. Mohammed Loulichki

Asian States:
Thailand
H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai

Eastern European States:
Czech Republic
H.E. Mr. Martin Palouš

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Colombia
H.E. Ms. Claudia Blum

Western European and other States:
Israel
H.E. Ms. Gabriela Shalev

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A/63/430	Item 64 — Promotion and protection of human rights — Report of the Third Committee [A C E F R S]
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A/63/580	Items 57 (b) and 70 (a) — New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support: causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa — Oceans and the law of the sea — Letter dated 26 November 2008 from the Permanent Representatives of Egypt and Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/63/584	Item 118 — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 under sections 3, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27, 28C, 28D, 28E, 28F, 28G, 33 and 35 related to business continuity management — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
A/63/585–S/2008/759	Item 15 — The situation in the Middle East — Identical letters dated 3 December 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
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S/2008/752	Letter dated 2 December 2008 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
A/63/585–S/2008/759	Identical letters dated 3 December 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
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Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
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CEDAW/C/CMR/Q/3/Add.1
Responses to the list of issues and questions with regard to the consideration of the combined second and third periodic reports — Cameroon [A C E F R S]

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